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compiled by Justin Grisin

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### 1931/03/03

"Smoke to probe food monopolies" in *Daily Local News* (March 3, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

The Senate is investigating a small group of corporations to check for supposed monopolization of food prices.

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### 1931/03/03

"May make loans without backing" in *Daily Local News* (March 3, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Senate passes bill allocating 20,000,000 dollars to farmers affected by drought.

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### 1931/03/03

"Butler thrills big crowd at meeting of Chester County Health and Welfare

Council" in *Daily Local News* (March 3, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Major General Smedley Butler gives speech at American Legion about the future plans of the Health and Welfare Council.

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**1931/03/04**

"Men to replace boy caddies" in *Daily Local News* (March 4, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

The director of the unemployment office decides to use men as caddies to allow them to have employment.

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**1931/03/04**

"Parkesburg aids in welfare work" in *Daily Local News* (March 4, 1931), 2. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Locals raise \$90 to aid those on welfare by playing bridge and other games.

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**1931/03/05**

"Constable arrested after county deceiver locates stills near Dilworthtown" in *Daily Local News* (March 5, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Officials found stills used in the manufacture of alcohol on the farm of a constable and arrested him shortly after. He claims his tenants were running the still to make liquor and he had no idea it was there.

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**1931/03/05**

"Protests pour into Capital" in *Daily Local News* (March 5, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Protests at Democratic National Convention erupt between supporters and haters of the 18th amendment. The Democrats wish to repeal the 18th amendment.

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**1931/03/05**

"Wet plank may split Democrats" in *Daily Local News* (March 5, 1931), 8. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Internal strife between wet and dry Democrats split the party at their national convention.

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**1931/03/07**

"Relief agencies face problem as needy seek help" in *Daily Local News* (March 7, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

West Chester Civic Association carry heaviest burden in history. The effects of unemployment and the depression are taxing the agency as they help provide food, coal, and clothing. They are calling for donations.

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**1931/03/09**

"Unemployment hits clergy" in *Daily Local News* (March 9, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Because so many Lutheran clergy are out of work, the United Lutheran Churches of America asks [JJ: seminaries?] to weed out students who are not first class.

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**1931/03/10**

"Senate confirms workman's board" in *Daily Local News* (March 10, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Senate gets bill that wants to train an industrial police force to be used in iron and coal producing facilities that will be paid for by the State.

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**1931/03/10**

"Screen star may make her home in this town" in *Daily Local News* (March 10, 1931), 5. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Elizabeth Murry will move back to West Chester after retiring from the movies.

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**1931/03/10**

"Use much corn in making starch" in *Daily Local News* (March 10, 1931), 5.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

It tells how corn starch is a great item for people to use around the house.  
Also tells how buying it helps the corn industry and keeps corn prices stable.

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**1931/03/11**

"Business stands seek new places" in *Daily Local News* (March 11, 1931), 2.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Market area of West Chester gaining many new businesses after others leave  
or close up.

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**1931/03/11**

"Kennett sees much going on" in *Daily Local News* (March 11, 1931), 2.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Harold Chambers donated a truck load of potatoes to Kennett Square welfare  
committee to be distributed to the needy.

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**1931/03/13**

"U.S. calls raid on ship illegal" in *Daily Local News* (March 13, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Officials of the United States Lines condemned a liquor raid on one of their  
ships, the S.S. Republic, as it was anchored in the harbor at Philadelphia  
before leaving for the West Indies.

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**1931/03/13**

"Prepare drive on big bootleggers" in *Daily Local News* (March 13, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Amos Woodcock announced plans to increase prohibition enforcement army  
by 500 officials to stem big bootleggers.

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**1931/03/13**

"Hoover pushes work bureaus" in *Daily Local News* (March 13, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

After hiring John Alpine as special assistant to the Secretary of Labor, President Hoover announced a \$500,000 appropriation to expand U.S. Employment Service.

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**1931/03/13**

"Oxford men form alliance" in *Daily Local News* (March 13, 1931), 8. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Oxford business men agreed to form an alliance called the Oxford Community Association to help businesses cope with any situation that might come along.

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**1931/03/14**

"Bondel cuts prices on homemade bread" in *Daily Local News* (March 14, 1931), 3. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Bondel bakery cuts 2 cents off breads prices. Town appreciates cut in price. [JJ: The 1932 West Chester Borough Directory has a listing for a retail bakery owned by "Bug Bandel" at 135 W. Gay St.]

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**1931/03/14**

"Social echoes about Malvern" in *Daily Local News* (March 14, 1931), 9. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

There was a large turnout by union members at Malvern Methodist Church for play about the passion.

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**1931/03/14**

"Eggs are lower than last year" in *Daily Local News* (March 14, 1931), 12. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Speculators lose money as the price of eggs fell from 40 cents to 25 cents a dozen.

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**1931/03/16**

"Life in Russia is expensive" in *Daily Local News* (March 16, 1931), 8. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

This article tells about differences in the prices of homes, food, and clothing. Says supply does not equal demand.

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**1931/03/17**

"Hides beer in mushroom house" in *Daily Local News* (March 17, 1931), 2. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

John Baccino, a mushroom farmer, was arrested for having 70 half barrels of beer hidden in a mushroom house.

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**1931/03/18**

"Methodists stand by Prohibition" in *Daily Local News* (March 18, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

At a meeting of the Philadelphia-area Methodist Church, Rev. Roberts went over issues such as prohibition and the business depression.

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**1931/03/18**

"Butler presents check for \$325" in *Daily Local News* (March 18, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

General Smedley Butler turned over a check to the committee for unemployment relief for \$325 that he earned making speeches.

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**1931/03/18**

"Coatesville aid for employed with much work" in *Daily Local News* (March 18, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

A report by the emergency employment committee of Coatesville says that they provided 172 new jobs since its inception in late 1930.

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**1931/03/19**

"Senator Davis visits moose in Coatesville" in *Daily Local News* (March 19, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Senator James Davis visits moose to discuss mortgage burning.

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**1931/03/20**

"Methodist laymen at conference" in *Daily Local News* (March 20, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

The association of Methodist laymen called on people to support prohibition and raise voices against modifying or ending the 18th amendment.

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**1931/03/20**

"Prohibition put up to Roosevelt" in *Daily Local News* (March 20, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Governor Roosevelt of New York was forced to make the decision to sign the bill urging Congress to repeal the 18th amendment.

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**1931/03/21**

"Lamont reports businesses better" in *Daily Local News* (March 21, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Sec. of Commerce Lamont takes unemployment survey, says unemployment down.

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**1931/03/23**

"Being good fellow costs \$50" in *Daily Local News* (March 23, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Two men asked L. E. Simmons of Seattle where to find a drink. After he told them, they arrested him, seized the still and fined Simmons \$50.

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**1931/03/23**

"Cleaning plan to aid jobless" in *Daily Local News* (March 23, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]



New York City hires the jobless to do painting, sweeping, cleaning, plumbing, building, and hauling.

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**1931/03/24**

"Man kills 3 after argument on Communism" in *Daily Local News* (March 24, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Ontario man kills his two daughters and his sister-in-law for disagreeing with Communist doctrine by shooting them with a .22.

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**1931/03/24**

"Sharp drop seen in tax receipts" in *Daily Local News* (March 24, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Treasury Dept. predicts a deficit, a loss of 40% from the previous year. They predict a 700,000,000 deficit.

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**1931/03/24**

"Wheat fee faces Congress again" in *Daily Local News* (March 24, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

With no wheat market, and low prices, farmers urged to lower yield by 20%. Federal farm board said they are not buying any of the 1931 crop and they were at the end of their rope.

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**1931/03/26**

"\$40,000 Rum seizure near county line" in *Daily Local News* (March 26, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Prohibition officials confiscate 344 bags of liquor valued at \$40,000.

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**1931/03/27**

"Opera storage house is raided" in *Daily Local News* (March 27, 1931), 1. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Prohibition officials raided the Philadelphia Opera House for liquor but found none.

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**1931/03/27**

"Issues call for status of banks" in *Daily Local News* (March 27, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Sec. of Banking Gordon calls for condition of all banks under state banking dept.

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**1931/03/28**

"Cannery quits work" in *Daily Local News* (March 28, 1931), 2. [Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

The Standard Mushroom canning company closed its doors.

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**1931/03/30**

"Klein foresees business pickup" in *Daily Local News* (March 30, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

Asst. Secretary of Commerce Klein sees pickup after large scale buying by retailers.

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**1931/03/31**

"Sugar firm sued by order of U.S." in *Daily Local News* (March 31, 1931), 1.  
[Notes by Justin Grisin, 2006]

The federal government charge a sugar corporation fixed prices to oppressive levels. [JJ: Which sugar company?]

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